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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants:	Christopher J. Ryan et al.	Confirmation No.:	3338
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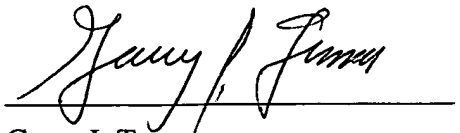
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Please extend the time for reply to the October 11, 2006 final Office Action for a period of two months, from January 11, 2007 up to and including March 11, 2007.

The extension fee is estimated to be $450.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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